

2011 Issue 4 - July

#### **Presidential Mulling**

Welcome to summer! What better way to celebrate than to run a rally, and we happen to have one coming up on July 9. Eureka is a day time rally that SMSCC puts on in conjunction with PCA every year. We are doing it early this year (it's normally in September) because SMSCC is hosting the United States Road Rally Challenge this October. Rachel Smith will be the rallyemaster. The rally is in the style of her Citrus Blossom Specials, complete with stickmap (don't be afraid, it's not that bad!).

As usual, it's lightly trapped and winds through the delightful backroads of Ventura County. There were some roads on the rally that I didn't know existed and had some wonderful views. The finish will be at Topper's Pizza (always a favorite!) in Oxnard, complete with marina views.

Our turnout at day rallies has been low the past few years and we're beginning to think you all don't like us. If you've never run a rally in the daytime or it has been a while, this is a great one to run. It's not difficult and it really is nice when you can see what is outside your car window, rally signs included! We would really like to hear from you if there is some reason you aren't running day rallies, as we are here to provide you with the best rallying opportunities we can.

And yes, Joanna and I will be working a checkpoint on the rally. Hopefully we don't have to leave to go to the hospital in the middle!

(Editor says: the baby is due July 15!)

#### **COMMUNICATION WITH SMSCC**

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#### Rally Info Available Online

Check out the SMSCC and Cal Club websites for road rally results, rally calendar, flyers for upcoming rallies, and other rally-related information (including a link to the SCCA Minor Waiver required for minors to participate). The Cal Club website has a photo gallery where we post pictures of rally winners - so get ready to smile when you are accepting your trophy!

SMSCC's website is www.smscc.org.
Cal Club's website is www.calclub.com/roadrally.

#### **Minor Waiver Reminder**

For a minor to participate in our rallies, <u>both parents</u> must sign the SCCA Minor Waiver. Each parent's signature is only valid if the parent signs in the presence of the rally registrar, or the parent's signature is notarized. You can download the SCCA Minor Waiver from:

http://www.scca.com/documents/insurance/SCCAminorwaiver.pdf

#### Rally Calendar

<u>when</u>	<u>what</u>	<u>where</u>	<u>who</u>	<u>more info</u>
July 1	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
July 9	Eureka	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
July 13	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
July 27	Dinner Meeting	Sizzler, El Segundo	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Aug 5	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Aug 17	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Sep 2	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Sep 14	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Oct 7	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 19	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Oct 21	USRRC	Santa Clarita	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 22	USRRC	Santa Clarita	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 23	USRRC	Santa Clarita	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 29	Sleepy Hollow	Ontario	ITN	www.itnrally.org
Nov 4	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Nov 12	El Camino Real	Camarillo	PCA	zone8.pca.org
Nov 16	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Dec 2	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Dec 14	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168

#### SMSCC Public Meeting, July 27, 2011, 7:30 pm

Sizzler, corner of Sepulveda and Mariposa, El Segundo Come on out and have dinner with us!

### Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club First Friday Niter

May 6, 2011

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
	CLASS A							
*1	Revere Jones/Tom Gould	Mini	PCA/TCSCC/SCCA	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03
2	Nathan Harris/Joe Akerman	Dodge	ITN	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.05
	Rob Tivy/Charles Engen	Mini	SMSCC/Mini	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.05
4	Larry Boone/Jenny Boone	Aztek	Pumkin	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.09
5	Paul McGaffey/Ron Dunlop	COBRA	ITN	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.12
	CLASS B							
1	Michael Germana/Jenny Germana	Porsche	SCCA	0.14	0.57	0.07	0.16	0.94
	CLASS C							
*1C	Mike Klein/Kevin Ayers	VW GTI	SMSCC/ITN	0.04	0.56	0.03	0.15	0.78
2	John Dillon/Christine Robinson	Audi	Widget Rally Team	0.04	0.63	0.40	0.13	1.20
3	Cathy Robson/Bill Leflang	Dodge	PCA	0.28	0.22	0.34	1.56	2.40
4	Jon Arcilla/Gayle Arcilla	Mercedes		0.97	0.93	0.51	0.82	3.23
	CLASS D							
*1	Jayson Woodruff/Teri Woodruff	Toyota		0.03	0.01	0.05	0.19	0.28

<sup>\* -</sup> Trophy C - best single leg in Class C (earns a Rally Buck)

Thank you for running this FFN.

## Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club First Friday Niter

June 3, 2011

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
	0/4004							
+4	CLASS A	O a la como	ITN	0.04	0.04	0.50	0.00	0.54
*1	Joe Akerman/Nathan Harris	Subaru	ITN	0.04	0.01	0.50	0.03	0.54
2	Larry Boone/Jenny Boone	Aztek	Pumkin	0.90	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.94
3	Rob Tivy/Charles Engen	Mini	SMSCC/Mini	0.57	0.08	0.50	0.04	1.19
4	Revere Jones/Greg Bartlett	BMW	PCA/TCSCC/LeMons	0.52	0.54	0.46	0.01	1.53
5	Paul McGaffey/Ron Dunlop	COBRA	ITN	0.53	0.55	0.50	0.14	1.72
	CLASS B							
1	Michael Germana/Jenny Germana	Porsche	SCCA	1.78	0.45	0.68	1.53	4.44
	CLASS C							
*1C	Dave Botwin/Michael Westmore	Jaguar		0.69	0.05	0.96	0.27	1.97
2	Cathy Robson/Bill Leflang	Dodge	PCA	0.33	0.74	0.37	1.09	2.53
3	Jayson Woodruff/Teri Woodruff	Toyota		0.63	2.02	0.13	0.89	3.67
4	Greg Whale/Steve Laumann	Mercedes	SCCA	0.84	0.22	0.55	4.11	5.72
5	John Dillon/Christine Robinson	Audi	Widget Rally Team	0.18	5.00	0.41	1.54	7.13
	CLASS D							
*1	Bill Bergman/Mary Bergman	Chrysler		3.19	1.52	0.24	0.63	5.58
2	Ryan Tsuha/Sean Leddie	BMW		0.37	5.00	1.04	0.03	6.44
3	John McGinley/Riley McGinley	Hyundai	Sandwich	1.08	0.35	1.76	5.00	8.19
4	Bruno Cavallini/Melisa Cavallini	BMW		2.63	2.46	1.13	5.00	11.22
5	Jeff Shulem/Frank Buddenbrock	Audi		1.81	5.00	5.00	5.00	16.81

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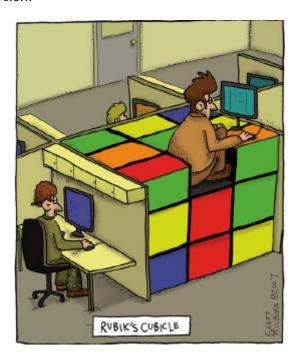
#### July 2011 FFN - Another "green" rally

So in an effort to be more green, we have been recycling old rallies lately. I volunteered to write this month's rally hoping I could look back in my files and pull one up that I wrote a few years ago. Sure enough, this one from January 2007 caught my eye as it has some of my favorite roads on it. I printed it out and went out to drive it and see if I needed to make changes. The odometer check is basically untouched except for one instruction. Telling contestants how to get on the 101 North has always seemed awkward before, but now that we've added "JDI" to the generals, we tried to simplify it. I think it's much cleaner and easier to understand now. There was some changes to Leg 1. On Topanga Canyon as they have added a "Speed Limit 35" as you come to Old Topanga. It looks like they are going to put a stop sign at the corner of Topanga and Old Topanga soon as well, and the upgraded sign for Old Topanga is a welcome change. The biggest difference on Leg 1 was putting the checkpoint on the opposite side of the road on Dry Canyon Cold Creek as I feel it's a better location. That meant going down Mulholland Hwy, back up DCCC, and then down Mulholland again instead of just turning on DCCC when you first come to it.

Leg 2 had a couple changes. They have increased the speed limit on Mulholland (increased!), so I no longer had to drop the CAST before the turn on Sierra Creek. Because of that, I took out a few other instructions that would have been a pain because of the length of time looking for them. I kind of miss quoting "Careful", but it's a small sign and a little hard to see. But, I had to add the CAST on Sierra Creek for a short time only to raise it back when you made the turn on Kanan. Funny note: In RI 27 there is a pause at a STOP. I totally forgot that stop sign existed when I first looked over the rally. I was ready to cross it out when I came to it and felt like an idiot for not remembering it was there. I have fallen and not fallen for many traps at that intersection. The other change on the leg was at the tunnels, the "tunnel" sign before the first one is gone. The instruction used to read: "Tunnel". "Tunnel". R after "Rocky Oaks Next". And for some reason it amused me to have the same sign text quoted twice in a row.

Leg 3 had the most changes. I didn't have the onto vs. FLR trap last time, I explicitly told you where to go. Now that my rallyemaster skills have improved somewhat, I quickly saw a way I could loop the two courses together. So the on course really didn't change, but the potential to have a very bad score on this leg greatly increased for those contestants that chose the off course route.

On Leg 4 I again moved the checkpoint location. I was worried about the rally being too long so I moved the checkpoint further south. Last time it was on Cawelti. The rally is pretty close to 90 minutes, so I'm glad I did that! There are some little inside jokes that amuse me on this rally. I made the length of the odometer check 27 minutes because you are on Topanga Canyon, which is CA Route 27. I wanted all the callback mileages for the checkpoints to be 17 miles, but the first leg was just a bit too long. If you subtract the odometer check mileage from the leg mileage, you'll see how funny that is – and I wasn't even trying (no really!). I think it's awesome there are only three signals in the entire rally after the odometer check, and thought I may have lulled some of you to sleep with the lettered instruction to pause at each. I was nice and cancelled it before the very last signal. Overall, this was a fun rally to put together, especially since most of it was put together before I even started. Hope you all enjoyed the revised version!



# Coming in October! 2011 USRRC Presented by SCCA and SMSCC

The 2011 SCCA United States Road Rally Challenge is coming to Southern California. The Cal Club region of SCCA and SMSCC are once again hosting the USRRC. We last did it in 2004, and it's time for us to do it again.

Headquartering at the La Quinta in Valencia, near Magic Mountain, the USRRC rallies take place on October 21, 22, and 23.

The Friday rally is Larry Scholnick's GTA (gimmick) rally, currently without a name. Larry is working on both the rally itself and a name for it. Larry has a gimmick rally history dating back to the late 1960s, and he is a well-respected rallymaster for the concepts he has come up with. Yes, he can be devious!

Saturday of the USRRC weekend will see Jeanne English's Highway Robbery course (trap) rally. Her Highway Robberys of the past have been quite well received. Jeanne's philosophy is to have most people do most legs correctly – and if you get a trap wrong you will read the critique and say "Duh! I knew that!"

And the final rally on Sunday is Joanna (Paden) Weissen's Not My Fault tour rally. As the name implies, the rally will be centered along the San Andreas Fault. It should be a scenic event.

We encourage all of you to attend. If you do not want to compete in all three rallies, we can use you as workers. In fact, if you know in advance that you will not be competing in a particular rally, we would love to have you run checkout. You can see what the rally is all about, but without the pressure of the competition.

It's going to be a great rally weekend. Come join us!!

# OREGON TRAIL RALLY Portland; May 13-15

- David Higgins/Craig Drew Open
   Subaru I mprezza WRX STi 1:21:42.1
- Antoine L'Estage/Nathalie Richard Open
   Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X 1:25:09.0
- 3. Ramana Lagemann/Christine Beavis SP 11 Subaru I mprezza WRX STi 1:27:53.6
- 4. Travis Hanson/Terry Hanson SP 07 Subaru I mprezza WRX STi 1:27:57.2

5. Max Riddle/Aaron Neumann	Open
07 Subaru WRX STi	1:30:13.8
6. Adam Yeoman/Jordan Schulze	Open
02 Subaru I mprezza 1:	33:37.7
7. Andrew Picard/Jeremy Wimpey	/ 2WD
11 Scion XD	1:35:05.5
8. Wyatt Knox/Ole Holter 2	2WD
08 Mazda Speed 3	1:35:31.6
9. Paul Eklund/Jeff Price	SP
08 Subaru STi	1:35:39.8
10.Mike Goodwin/Martin Burnley	SP
04 Subaru STi	1:37:44.1
13.Brian Gottlieb/Patrick Darrow	2WD
89 Honda Civic	1:45:40.8

#### SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL PERFORMANCE RALLY Wellsboro, PA; June 3-4, 2011

David Himsins /Craim Draw

1. David Higgins/Craig Drew	Open
11 Subaru I mprezza WRX STi	1:50:22.3
2. Antoine L'Estage/Nathalie Rich	nard Open
09 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X	1:50:23.6
3. Ramana Lagemann/Christine Be	avis SP
11 Subaru I mprezza WRX STi	1:58:12.2
4. Travis Hanson/Terry Hanson	SP
07 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	2:01:42.4
5. Dave Mirra/Marshall Clarke	Open
11 Subaru I mprezza WRX STi	2:13:23.6
6. Chris Greenhouse/Billy Mann	2WD
95 Plymouth Neon	2:19:34.4
7. Brian Gottlieb/Patrick Darrow	2WD
89 Honda Civic	2:20:12.4
8. Dillon Van Way/Jake Blattner	2WD
11 Ford Fiesta	2:21:14.9
9. Wyatt Knox/Ole Holter	2WD
08 Mazda Speed 3	2:21:53.0
(10) no other teams classified as	finishing

#### RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA May 6-8

1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena	
Citroen DS3 WRC	3:45:40.9
2. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	3:45:52.1
3. Petter Solberg/Chris Patterson	
Citroen DS3 WRC	3:46:04.7
4. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	
Citroen DS3 WRC	3:47:12.4
5. Mads Ostberg/Jonas Andersson	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	3:48:23.5
6. Dani Sordo/Carlos Corral	
Mini John Cooper Works	3:49:08.5
7. Ott Tanak/Kuldar Sikk	
Ford Fiesta S2000	3:52:51.8
8. Juho Hanninen/Mikko Markkula	
Sloda Fabia S2000	3:53:18.5
9. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	3:53:41.3
10.Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek	
Ford Fiesta S2000	3:57:09.1

#### RALLY ARGENTINA Villa Carlos Paz; May 27-29, 2011

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1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena	
Citroen DS3 WRC	4:03:56.9
2. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:03:59.3
3. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	
Citroen DS3 WRC	4:04:04.2
4. Petter Solberg/Chris Patterson	
Citroen DS3 WRC	4:04:29.5
5. Mads Ostberg/Jonas Andersson	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:09:13.7
6. Federico Villagra/Jorge Companc	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:10:45.4
7. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:15:31.4
8. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:17:29.6
9. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard	
Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	4:29:40.7
10.Patrik Flodin/Maria Andersson	
Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	4:37:31.1
18.Ken Block/Alex Gelsomino	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:57:16.8

#### ACROPOLIS RALLY Loutraki, Greece; June 17-19, 2011

1. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	
Citroen DSC WRC	4:04:44.3
2. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena	
Citroen DSC WRC	4:04:54.8
3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:04:57.8
4. Petter Solberg/Chris Patterson	
Citroen DSC WRC	4:05:23.1
5. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:10:09.0
6. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:11:39.0
7. Kimi Raikkonen/Kaj Lindstrom	
Citroen DSC WRC	4:13:13.7
8. Juho Hanneinen/Mikko-Antero Ma	arkkula
Skoda Fabia S2000	4:16:19.0
9. Jari-Matti Latvala/Mikka Anttila	
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:17:53.1
10.Dennis Kuipers/Frederic Miclotte	<b>;</b>
Ford Fiesta RS WRC	4:19:54.4

#### DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

	Greece	Total
1. Sebastien Loeb	20	146
2. Mikko Hirvonen	16	129
3. Sebastien Ogier	28	124
4. Jari-Matti Latvala	2	76
5. Petter Solberg	12	73

#### **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Greece	Total
1. Citroen Total WRT	43	250
2. Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	21	195
3. M-Sport Stobart Ford	d RT 12	87
4. Petter Solberg WRT	12	61
5. I ce 1 Racing	8	34
6. Munchi's Ford WRT	R	32
7. Team Abu Dhabi	-	19
8. FERM Power Tools WF	RT 4	14
9. Monster WRT	-	8
10.Brazil WRT	R	1
11.Van Merksteijn Motor	sport R	0

#### **GUINNESS RECORD FOR HYBRIDS**

Smart Motors, a Toyota dealer in Madison, Wisconsin, is going to try to set a Guinness record for the most number of hybrid cars in a parade. The current record is 140 hybrid cars. Smart Motors is hoping to have 500 hybrid cars in a parade covering 6.2 miles from their dealership to the Alliant Energy Center where the annual HYBRID FEST will be held. While Smart Motors is a Toyota dealer they are not limiting entry to just Toyotas. Any make of hybrid vehicle is welcome to join in the parade.

#### RECALL LOG

Hyundai: 2010 Tucson. Rear bumper reflectors don't meet FMVSS #108. 7829 units. Hyundai recall # 101.

Kia: 2011 Sorento equipped with auto trans & 2.4 liter engine. Intermediate shaft from transmission misaligned. 12,690 units. Kia recall # SC089.

Hyundai: 2010 Santa Fe. See above. 6169 units. Hyundai recall # 102.

Honda: 2001-02 Accord, Civic; 2002 Odyssey; 2002-03 Acura TL, CR-V; 2003 Acura CL. Driver's side air bag inflator that were replacement units. 2430 Units. NHTSA recall # 11V260.

GM: 2011 Chevrolet Express 1500, GMC Savana 1500. Right rear brake line can rub on the tire. 7593 units. GM recall # 11126.

GM: 2011 Chevrolet Cruze. Automatic transmission position indicator out of alignment. 100,308 units. GM recall # 11142.

GM: 2011 Chevrolet Cruze. Steering linkage not properly installed. 128,911 units. GM recall # 11149.

Audi: 2001-04 A6; 2002-03 S6; 2003 RS6, all with 4.2L engine. Fuel tank roll over valve

can crack allowing leak. 5992 units. VW recall # 20L8/J4.

GM: 2011 Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Canyon. Windshield wiper crank arm bolt. 4674 units. GM recall # 11095.

Triumph M/C: 2010 Thunderbird. Front fender not properly attached. 1955 units. NHTSA recall # 11V277.

Honda: 2012 Civic. O-ring in fuel system can leak. 1156 units. Honda recall # R79.

Toyota: 2001-03 Prius. Bolts in electric power steering may loosen. 52,377 units. NHTSA recall # 11V304.

Volvo: 2012 S60. Software that runs fuel pump can be faulty. 7558 units. Volvo recall # R243.

KTM [M/C]: 2010-11 690 Enduro R; 2011 450 & 550 EXC. Handlebars not properly heat treated. 1228 units. NHTSA # 11V300

GM: 2011 Cadillac SRX. Right side air bag sensor not working properly. 47,401 units. GM recall # 11162.

Honda [M/C]: 2010-11 VT750. Engine module can give erroneous readings. 3020 units. Honda recall # R80.

Porsche: 2010-11 911 GT2 RS, GT3, GT3 RS, Turbo, Turbo S. Center locking hub & wheel assembly. 1702 units. Porsche #AB01.

Chrysler: 2011 Chrysler 200, 200 convertible, Town & Country; Dodge Avenger, Caliber, Grand Caravan, Journey, Nitro; Jeep Compass, Liberty, Patriot, Wrangler. Steering column not properly attached. 11,351 units. Chrysler recall # L23.

Mazda: 2008-09 Mazda3, Mazda Speed3. Wiper motor can fail. 103,300 units. Mazda recall # 6411F.

BMW: 2012 X5 XD. Bad belt tensioner could cause loss of power steering. 923 units. NHTSA recall # 11V332.

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### FIRST CLASS MAIL

# 2011 Specials

#### Zero Bucks

Contestants are awarded 'Rally Bucks' for getting zeroes— Class A contestants get 1 Rally Buck per zero, Classes B and C get 2 Rally Bucks per zero, and Class D contestants get 3 Rally Bucks per zero. Rally Bucks can be accumulated and used like cash for FFN entry fees.

All specials subject to the whim of the SMSCC board. Get in on it while you can.